Deserving Sympathy.

The Mamondieth Canal is not here. but the Brandywine river is only three ers did build, are standing yet. One of them is Hickman's spring-house, a land flowing with buttermilk and butter, yellow as the little round pats full to the very tree tops of robins and wrens and red-winged blackbirds, and music and sunshine and restless shadows and Isaac's goats. Two of them there are; ubiquitious and impressively illogical in their applications. Isaac, a patriarch of six bright summers, is breaking these goats to work in double harness, and it is't safe to stand in the same pasture when the goats feel like going. Because they never feel like going the same way. They are only unanimous on the subject of the blackberry patch ar a linen dus-

It seems to me that if I had to keep a pet and could'nt find a camel, I would go buy a goat. It costs somecan. Nor can the camel devour the for a month. morning paper so rapidly as the goat can. The other morning I went on a fishing excursion. And in the gray of the morning those goats climbed up the lightning-rod, got into the Goshen branch of the Hawkeye office, and ate up a column and a half of editorial dots and a little poem about the red ox. And they came down with woe and bitterness on their faces, butted the hide off everything that walked about the farm on four legs, banged a harvest tramp clear through a load of hay, and finally climed to the top of a four-story barn and hated mankind until they got over it.

One of these goats has learned, moreover, that if he "hollers" the gentler-hearted members of the household will not allow the boys to drive him any more, believing that they whip him. Well, I have seen that goat, tied to a post while the boys were harnessing his mate, not standing within ten feet of the post, and not looking in that diction-I have seen that goat open his mouth and set up such a wild, pitiful wail, fairly human in its agony of appeal, that would make the leaves tremble on the maples, and soldiers in Flanders was cut with while he roared and bleated and wailed, out would rush the tender-hearted woman, and with withering rebuke for the cruel boys, order that poor goat

not guilty. They are condemned on circumstantial evidence every time. frost penetrated three yards into the "Didn't I hear that poor goat scream?"
And the "poor goat" being released goes up into the orchard, butts all the fairs held on the Thames. bark off an apple tree and laughs in a sardonic manner at the unhappy boys. For some time the prince wanted a pair of goats like Isaac's until he found that his father could haul the great wagon with him in it, and I am kinder in single harness and tenfold more easy to "boss" than the goat, he is contented to drive me.—Burdette.

A Shepherd's Dog.

A San Antonio (Tex.) correspondent catalogues the accomplishments of a collie pup as follows:

I have seen him at a word from the shepherd, round up and put between sixteen and seventeen hundred sheep in a pen (many of them wild Mexicans,) and not chase nor crowd any of them. The little chap would mass this large flock of scattered sheep and direct them toward the pen in half the time that several men could do it. When penning the sheep he had to work them down a long hill that sloped to a flat that the pen was built upon. When close in upon any portion of the flock he could not see over them, and would in Texas. These figures are at once scamper back up the hill and locate the position of the pen, and then flank his sheep according to his bearings. When the last sheep and frisky lamb was inside, he would sit down at the gate and slap the dust with his tail until the shepherd commenced putting up the poles that formed the gate, and I have seen him attempt to assist in that work by trying to drag the poles to the gate. At night he would keep the sheep in the pen, which consisted of brush, or if they broke out would promptly put per cent. in Montana to upwards of 900 them back. I have herded those sheep per cent. in Dakota. The mark d myself, and slept in a small tent a few yards from the pen. In case of the moon rising full, the she p appeared to take it for sunrise and would break out. The first time it occurred during Dick's administration Dick put his paws upon my breast and licked my face and woke me. I said, "Go for 'em, Dick!" and he did it and put the lost sheep back in the pen, and then came and tried to tell me that all was right. After that night he needed no further hints, but took would always be behind.

the business into his own hands, or paws. He had but little tuition, but he guarded that sheep pen as well as miles away. The treasure cities of though he was 5 years of age instead of five months. If he had been guilty of any misbehavior for which he knew he deserved punishment, he would rush off and round up his flock of sheep as though he wished to show some work to atone for his misconduct. He had a they churn at the Philadelphia mint; nose like a bloodhound, and could foland the other in Cochran's orchard, low a person's footsteps as well. I have left him asleep on the prairie more than once, stolen away and hidden myself, and watched him follow my footsteps. He would trace every step until he found me, and then would quiver for joy .-Forest and Stream.

Cold Winters.

The following statistics of the good old winters are curious:

In 401, the Black Sea was entirely frozen over.

In 768, not only the Black Sea, but the Straits of Dardanelles, were frozen over; the snow in some places rose fifty feet high.

In 822, the great rivers of Europewhat less to keep a camel, but then he the Danube, the Elbe, etc .- were so can't climb a church-spire, as a goat hard frozen as to bear heavy wagons

> In 860, the Adriatic was frozen. In 991, everything was frozen; the crops totally failed, and famine and pestilence closed the year.

Germany were frozen to death on the and then they assumed an attitude of

In 1133, the Po was frozen from Cremona to the sea; the wine casks were burst, and even the trees split by the action of the frost with immense noise.

In 1316, the crops wholly failed in Germany; wheat, which some years be-

the quarter, rose to two pounds. In 1339, the crops failed in Scotland, and such a famine ensued that the poor were reduced to feed on grass, and many perished miserably in the fields.

fore sold in England at six shillings

The successive winters of 1432-33-34 were uncommonly severe. It once snowed forty days without interruption.

In 1468 the wine distributed to the

In 1684 the winter was excessively cold. Most of the hollies were killed. Coaches drove along the Thames, the It is no use for the boys to plead ice of which was eleven inches thick.

In 1709 occurred the cold winter. The ground.

In 1716, booths were erected and

In 1744 and 1745, the strongest ale in England, exposed to the air, was covered in less than fifteen minutes with

ice an eighth of an inch thick.
In 1809, and again in 1812, the winters were remarkably cold.

In 1814 there was a fair on the frozen

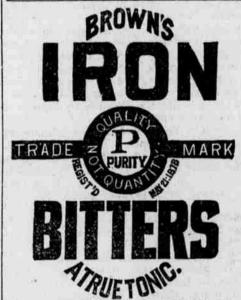
Growth of Farming in the United States.

A census bulletin just issued shows that the number of farms in the United States has increased from 2,000,000 in 1870 to 4,000,000 in 1880, at the rate of 51 per cent. Compared with the increase of population, which was about 30 per cent. during the same period, the agricultural development of the past ten years provés to have been rapid and extensive. The most striking increase in the number of farms has taken place in the south and the northwestern and Pacific states. The increase is shown to be 102 per cent. in Alabama, 91 in Arkansas, 129 in Florida, 98 in Georgia, 70 in Louisiana, 50 Mississippi, 68 in North Carolina, 81 in South Carolina, 60 in Virginia and 185 significant and encouraging. They indicate the social and industrial change that has taken place in the south since the war and show the extent to which its once great plantations have been out up into small farms. In Iowa there has been an increase of 59 per cent. in the number of farms; in Minnesota 99, in Nebraska 415, in Oregon 114 and in California 51. The greatest multiplication has taken place in the territories, the rate of increase ranging from 78 growth of farming shown by the cent. .. returns in the territories and the westeru states is obviously due to the rapid settlement of this part of the country by immigrants and others.

THE best reason yet advanced for having Monday washing day, the next day after Sunday, is because cleanliness is next to godliness.

SomeBody says that women would never do to run railroads, as the trains The New Light Among the Redskins.

We can imagine how astonished our forefathers would have been at the elecric light. It would have been regarded as sorcery in the ancient world, and as of diabolical origin in the middle ages. It is no wonder, therefore, that the savages on the plains were bewildered when it was first shown to them. Mr. H. E. Thompson, electrician, of St. Paul, has just returned from the Missouri, where he went to mount an electric light on the "Rosebud" of the Coulson line of Missouri and Yellowstone steamers, tells some interesting stories of the effect of the white man's electric light business on the noble red man at Fort Berthold. Upon arriving at the post, a large assortment of redskins, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts were assembled on the shore in fine shape. While contemplating the new-fangled light, which seemed to eclipse the full orbed moon, Mr. Thompson turned the light full apon the gaping crowd with a wierd and picturesque effect. The astonished aborigines were paralyzed for a moment and then they set up a dismal chant, lay down and rolled over and pawed up the sage bush, and made the ambient air tremble with their antics and articulations. They were finally assured that the big medi-In 1067, the most of the travelers in cine of the white man was harmless, quiescent bewilderment. They congregated upon the shore and gazed upon the illuminated surroundings with mingled emotions of awe and admiration, expressing their feelings in deep In 1236, the Danube was rozen to gutteral accents. At a woodyard up the bottom, and remained long in that the river the light was turned in full force upon the pile, and the dusky owner sought a hiding place, from which he could not be induced to emerge. The machine mounted on the 'Rosebud" was a 6,000 candle power, and it is no wonder the superstitious natives were stricken with terror .-From Demorest's Monthly for Octo-



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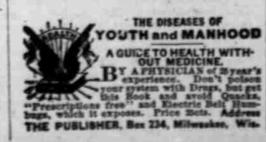
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